



# Grandfather Mountain State Park

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## Activities

**Education and Events:** Contact the park office for more information about educational and interpretive programs about the park and ranger-led hikes.



**Grandfather Mountain Attraction:** A parking area for hikers located just below the summit area has short connectors that link to the 'backcountry' trail system. You may also use this parking area to access the shorter trails within the attraction. Entrance fees apply to all hikers who use this parking area and this entry to the backcountry trail system. It is not necessary to pay entrance fees to obtain a camping permit if you are not entering the attraction. *Please note: Grandfather Mountain State Park does not encompass the private Grandfather Mountain attraction, though the state park trails can be accessed from parking areas at the attraction.*



**Camping:** Camping is allowed with a permit at 13 backpack camping sites along the trail system including the Hi-Balsam Shelter. In the future, campsites will be available through the state parks system's Central Reservations System. Until that time, follow the self-registration directions: Hikers and campers must leave the white copy of the permit in the permit box located at the trail head and keep the yellow copy in their possession. Permits can be obtained from the Profile Trailhead parking area located off of Hwy 105 and along the Tanawha Trail before accessing the Nuwati and Daniel Boone Scout Trails located off of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

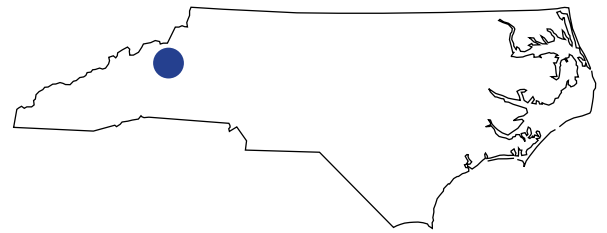
Campers must leave vehicles at either the Profile Trail or Blue Ridge Parkway trailheads; no vehicles can be left overnight in the Grandfather Mountain attraction.



**Trails:** Trek across a scenic landscape that is home to 70 rare and endangered species and 16 distinct natural communities. The mountain is an International Biosphere Reserve. There's no more appropriate place to obey the maxim: Take only photos; leave only footprints.

Hikers should be aware of their timing and hiking ability when hiking the trails at Grandfather Mountain. NC State Rangers and Grandfather Mountain attraction staff will not provide rides from any of the trail heads to or from another location. It is the hiker's personal responsibility to make appropriate accommodations to get from one place to the other.

## Location



**From Asheville** (approx 70 mi): Travel I-40 East (approx 21 mi). Take Exit 72 and follow US-70 E (Old Fort) to US-221 N (approx 11.5 miles). Turn left and follow US-221 for approximately 32 miles. Turn right onto Newland Hwy. At the next intersection, turn left onto 105 S and travel approximately 4.5 miles. Profile Trail Parking area will be on the right about a half mile past NC 184 (McDonald's and Lowes Foods)

**From Winston-Salem** (approx 100 mi): Travel I-40 W to US-421 N Exit. Travel west on 421 through Wilkesboro to Boone (approx 81 mi). Turn left onto 105 S. Profile Trail Parking area will be on the left (approx 12.5 mi).

## Park Hours

November - February .....	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
March - April, September & October.....	8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
June - August .....	8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day	



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